

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2354
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RAIL CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN BHAGALPUR AND SOUTHERN STATES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that silk industries in Bihar are facing problems due to non-availability of railway line with the Southern States;
- (b) if so, whether the industrialists of Bhagalpur in Bihar have been demanding to connect Bhagalpur with Southern States by Railways;
- (c) if so, whether the Government would consider to connect Bhagalpur by rail with the Southern States; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (d): Bhagalpur is already an existing station on Kiul-Sahebganj broad gauge line on Eastern Railway which is connected with the Southern States through railway network.